



**National Disaster Resilience (NDR)  
Substantial Amendment No. 1  
Public Hearing**

**January 11, 2021**

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**City of New Orleans**

Corcherrie Allen

Office of Community Development

# WELCOME

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Welcome to the Public Hearing for the National Disaster Resilience (NDR) Substantial Amendment No. 1

Thank you so much for joining us virtually!

## House Rules:

Please keep your computer and/or phone **MUTED** while the presentation is live; **DO NOT UNMUTE** your audio unless you are speaking for the benefit of the group

## Three (3) ways to ask questions:

**CHAT:** Type questions using the chat feature at any time

**SPEAK:** There will be an opportunity for callers to ask questions aloud

**TEXT:** (504) 565-2529

We will hold all questions and go through them during the Q&A period following the presentation

**Please Note:** The meeting is being recorded and will be available for public consumption

# AGENDA

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- Roles & Responsibilities
- Grant Funding Overview
- Substantial Amendment No.1 – Overview
- Projects & Programs + Substantial Amendment No.1 – Proposed Changes
- Next Steps

# **ROLES & RESPONSIBILITIES**

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## **Office of Community Development**

Committed to stabilizing and revitalizing neighborhoods, channeling available resources and information needed to provide Orleans Parish residents with services in affordable housing, economic development, special needs, and community service programs. We are committed to delivering its services to Orleans Parish Residents through fiscal responsibility, transparency, customer service, and efficiency.

Team Lead: Corcherrie Allen

## **Project Delivery Unit – Sustainable Infrastructure**

Team Lead: Joseph Threat



# GRANT OVERVIEW

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## Gentilly Resilience District

Projects proposed in City's application to National Disaster Resilience Competition



Parks & Playgrounds



Vacant Lots



Streets & Corridors



Open Spaces



Home & Property Improvements

The City of New Orleans received \$141M in Community Development Block Grant disaster recovery (CDBG-DR) from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for the National Disaster Resilience Competition (NDRC) - this funding is being used to implement the city's first ever Resilience District in Gentilly.

# GRANT OVERVIEW

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## Benefits of the Projects



Reduced risk of flooding and subsidence



Neighborhood beautification & economic development



Recreation & health



Environmental awareness

The NDR funded projects within this Action Plan seek to improve access to quality recreational / social spaces and multi-modal corridors; as well as update the urban landscape with green infrastructure to adapt to environmental challenges.



# **SUBSTANTIAL AMENDMENT NO. 1 OVERVIEW**

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# SUBSTANTIAL AMENDMENT NO. 1 - OVERVIEW

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The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development requires the City of New Orleans to submit a draft of the Substantial Amendment #1 to the National Disaster Resilience Competition (NDRC) Action Plan for the use of federal funds.

In addition to the reallocation of **\$13.8M** of Community Development Block Grants- Disaster Recovery (CDBG-DR) funds between projects & programs.- Amendment No. 1 proposes:

- Updating key personnel
- Refining activity descriptions
- Increasing project areas to ensure the Gentilly Resilience District maximizes community member benefits
- Ensuring placemaking is benefitting the residents of the GRD



**PROJECTS & PROGRAMS  
+  
SUBSTANTIAL AMENDMENT NO. 1  
PROPOSED CHANGES**

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# Urban Water Projects



# BLUE & GREEN CORRIDORS

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- **Estimated Construction Budget:** \$35M
- **Current Status:** 90% design
- **Construction Timeline:**
  - Phase I** – 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter 2021 – 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter 2022
  - Phase II and III** – 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter 2021 – 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter 2022

Updating streetscapes to combine rainfall management with symbiotic community benefits. The proposed 'Corridors' will function as multimodal transportation connections, waterways that will retain rainfall, as well as public social spaces.

## **SUBSTANTIAL AMENDMENT IMPACT(S):**

**Budget reallocation(s)** - \$2.4M from the Blue and Green Corridors project to:

- Community Adaptation Program - \$263k
- Dillard Wetlands - \$332k
- St. Anthony Green Streets - \$1M
- Mirabeau Water Gardens - \$606k

# DILLARD WETLANDS

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- **Estimated Construction Budget:** \$6M
- **Current Status:** Scoping
- **Construction Timeline:**  
3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter 2021 – 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter 2022

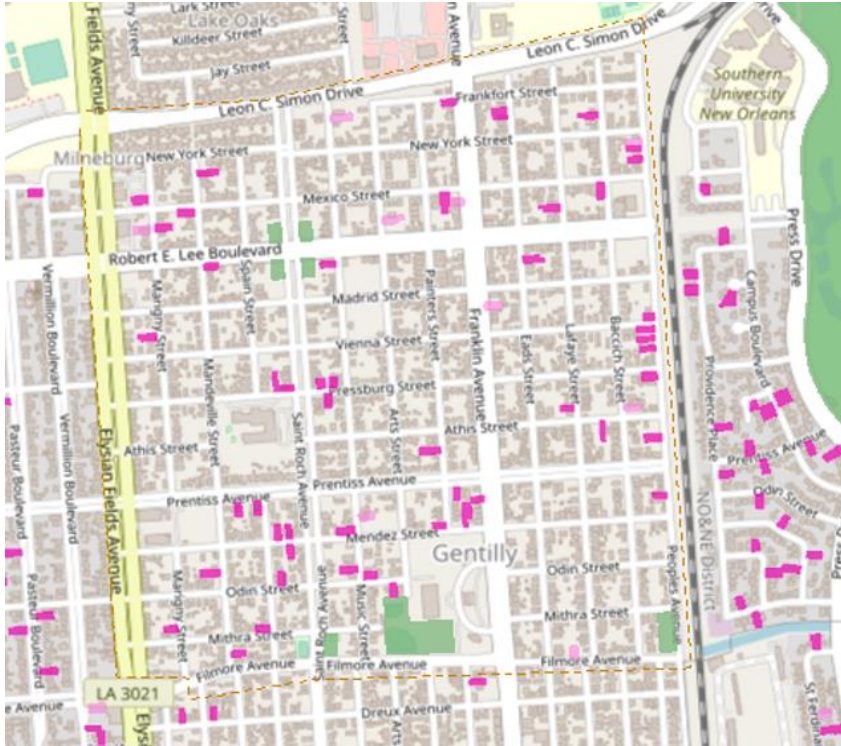
27-acre dense woodland tucked along the western side of the London Avenue Canal - - bordering the former Gregory Junior High School site and across the Canal from the historic Dillard University campus.

## **SUBSTANTIAL AMENDMENT IMPACT(S):**

**Budget Reallocation(s)** - \$332k from the Blue and Green Corridors project

# MILNE CAMPUS / MILNEBURG NEIGHBORHOOD

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- **Estimated Construction Budget:** \$6.04M
- **Current Status:** Re-advertisement pending amendment to the Action Plan
- **Construction Timeline:**  
3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter 2021 – 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter 2022

Update parks and city-owned lots with green infrastructure features that reduce the risk of flooding and enhance recreational access in the neighborhood

## SUBSTANTIAL AMENDMENT IMPACT(S):

**Name / Beneficiary Change** - Replacing the Milne Campus with the Milneburg Neighborhood Stormwater Resilience project

**Budget reallocation** - \$8.7M from the Milne Campus project to the Milneburg Neighborhood Stormwater Resilience project to manage neighborhood stormwater and reduce localized flooding, while fully retaining the recreational activity areas and facilities.

# MIRABEAU WATER GARDEN



- **Estimated Construction Budget:** \$26M
- **Current Status:**
  - Lagoons** / Bid
  - Educational Buildings** / Pre-Design
- **Construction Timelines:**
  - Lagoons** / 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter 2021 – 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter 2022
  - Educational Buildings**  
3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter 2021 – 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter 2022

Transforms a 25-acre open site into a recreational and educational amenity that reduces flood risk. Interconnected lagoons detain stormwater for a storm's peak, while walking paths and play lawns provide recreation and placemaking opportunities.

## **SUBSTANTIAL AMENDMENT IMPACT(S):**

**Budget reallocation** - \$606k from the Blue & Green Corridors project

# ST. ANTHONY GREEN STREETS

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- **Estimated Construction Budget:** \$20M
- **Current Status:** 90% design
- **Construction Timeline:**  
2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter 2021 – 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter 2022

Retrofitting approximately fifteen (15) residential street blocks and two (2) neighborhood parks with various stormwater management features - incorporating public art, shade structures, as well as recreational / social spaces.

## **SUBSTANTIAL AMENDMENT IMPACT(S):**

**Budget reallocation - \$1M from the Blue & Green Corridors**

# ST. BERNARD NEIGHBORHOOD CAMPUS & STORMWATER RESILIENCE

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- **Estimated Construction Budget:** \$15M
- **Current Status:** 90% design
- **Construction Timeline:**
  - Fields** / 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter 2021 – 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter 2022
  - Building** / 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter 2021 – 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter 2022
  - Park** / 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter 2021 – 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter 2022

Rain gardens and bioswales connect with existing drainage infrastructure to direct stormwater into underground detention beneath sports fields - multi-use recreation building, and Bayou St. John kayak landing.

## SUBSTANTIAL AMENDMENT IMPACT(S):

### Budget reallocation - \$4.1M from:

- Blue and Green Corridors - \$2.4M
- Dillard Wetlands - \$332k
- St. Anthony Green Streets - \$1M
- Mirabeau Water Gardens - \$606k

# COMMUNITY ADAPTATION PROGRAM

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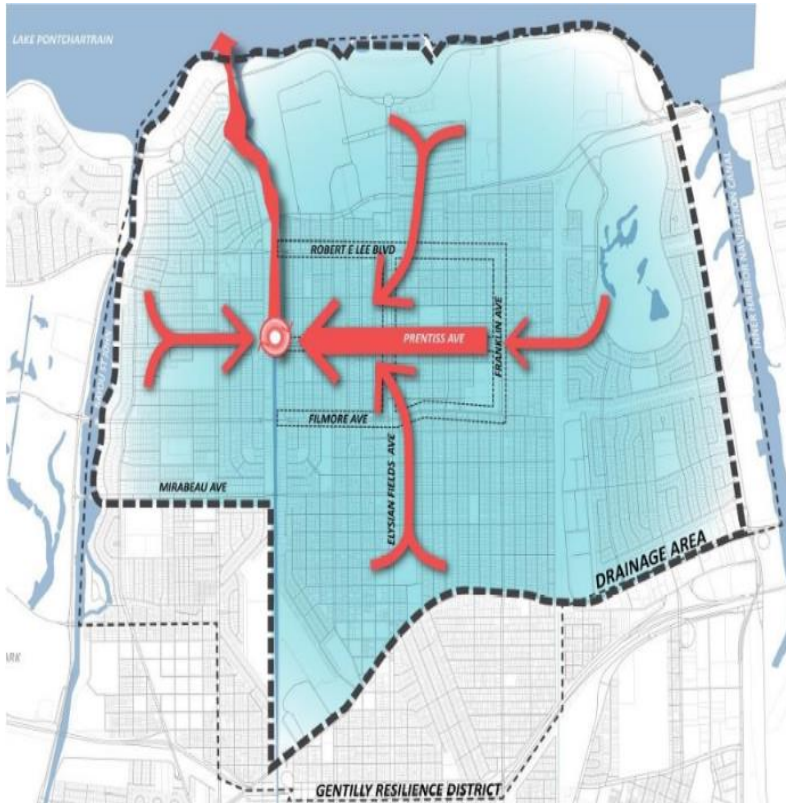
- **2020 EPA Region VI Winner for Outstanding Green Infrastructure Professional Project**
- **Current status:** Ninety (90) properties completed
- **Budget:** \$5.9M
- Recipient qualification, design, and construction are ongoing

Provides low to moderate income homeowners the opportunity to retrofit their properties with residential-scale stormwater management improvements.

## **SUBSTANTIAL AMENDMENT IMPACT(S):**

**Budget Reallocation** - \$263k from the Blue & Green Corridors project to allow for activity delivery expenses

# ENERGY REDUNDANCY & MONITORING



- **Estimated Construction Budget:** \$1.2M
- **Current Status:** Scoping
- **Implementation Timeline:**  
4<sup>th</sup> Quarter 2020 - 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter 2021

A web-based dashboard will educate the public on energy usage, drainage operations, and water levels.

## **SUBSTANTIAL AMENDMENT IMPACT(S):**

**Budget reallocation** - \$75k to allow for activity delivery expenses

# MICROGRIDS

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- **Estimated Construction Budget:** \$5.7M
- **Current Status:** Scoping
- **Construction Timeline:**  
4<sup>th</sup> Quarter 2021 – 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter 2022

Neighborhood power generation, storage, and distribution - locations under study include local business center, drainage pump station, and emergency operations center.

**SUBSTANTIAL AMENDMENT IMPACT(S):**  
**Budget Reallocation - \$116k**

# ORLEANS & LONDON AVENUE CANALS (PUBLIC ART PLACEMAKING)

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- **Current status:** Site selection
- **Budget:** \$500k

Local artists selected & guided by the Arts Council of New Orleans (ACNO) create public art in collaboration with the residents to enhance community understanding of flood risk and “living with water”.

## SUBSTANTIAL AMENDMENT IMPACT(S):

**Name / Beneficiary Change** - The Urban Water activity title for **Orleans & London Avenue Canals**, will be changed to **Gentilly Canals and Lagoons** because the Orleans Canal does not fall in the footprint of the Gentilly Resilience District.



## NEXT STEPS

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**Thirty day (30) Public Comment Period ends on January 22, 2021 at 5:00 pm.**

**Digital Comment Cards are available at:**

**[https://www.nola.gov/community-development/documents/ndr-competition/ndr-actionplanamend1\\_comments/](https://www.nola.gov/community-development/documents/ndr-competition/ndr-actionplanamend1_comments/)**

**Written comments can also be sent to OCD's Planning and Resource Development Unit at: [corcherrie.allen@nola.gov](mailto:corcherrie.allen@nola.gov)**

**NDR Substantial Amendment No. 1 is available for review in English, French, Spanish and Vietnamese – and may be found at:**

**<https://nola.gov/resilient-new-orleans/projects/green-infrastructure/ndrc/isaac-recovery-program/>**